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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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ANNUAL SPRING CALL MEETING TO CONVENE APRIL 7TH-9TH

by
Bishop German Ross

Holy Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Looking in retrospect, God marvelously blessed us during the 73rd Annual Holy Convocation which marked the fourth election of our General Officers. Thank God He was with us and in spite of any opposition the enemy sought to bestow on us, we had peace. As General Secretary of our great church, I feel signally honored to announce the forthcoming April Call Meeting at our National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, 272 South Main Street, April 7-9, 1981. Of course, this meeting will be very important because there are many things that must be attended to. Consequently it is imperative that jurisdictional bishops, pastors, elders, jurisdictional supervisors and such other delegates as are elected to the General Assembly will be present to share in the

deliberations of this prolific session. Inasmuch as this meeting lasts only three (3) days it will be only fitting and proper that all delegates plan to attend for the entire three (3) day session. Please observe that it is necessary in accordance with Article III, Section B, Subsection 1 and 2 of the Manual of the Church of God in Christ. The roster of certified delegates should be filed with the office of the General Secretary. The office of the General Secretary is preparing to register all delegates to the General Assembly. Jurisdictional bishops and their secretaries are requested to send in all the list of certified delegates to our office as soon as possible in order to facilitate the registration procedure.

On January 19-21, 1981, the leaders of our church were hosted by Bishop Bell, Bishop King and others at our Leadership Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Conference was informational and inspiring to all in attendance. It was the largest conference witnessed in our church. We thank our Presiding Bishop for bringing us together for the Leadership Conference. Most of us were well informed of the pressing financial needs of our church. We have been asked to support the program in our particular field of labor.

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Group Picture of State and National Delegates to Conference

COGIC LEADERS MEET FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Church of God in Christ Annual Leadership Conference was held January 21-23, 1981 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Hundreds of delegates were in attendance, including 107 bishops plus jurisdictional supervisors, national officers and department heads. The conference was held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hilton Inn.

The conference theme was taken from Nehemiah 4:1-6: "COGIC Builders Pursuing New Dimensions." In "The Power of the Spirit" served as the major focus. This, of course, was borrowed from last year's convocation theme "In The Power of The Spirit....New

Dimensions in Christian Service."

Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson said that the leaders came together "to map out certain strategies, to create certain designs, and to crystalize directions as we seek to carry our church into new dimensions." It was reported that proposals, presented at the conference will decide the course of the entire church for the next four years. Each session, therefore, was designed to promote the general welfare of the national church, with various leaders receiving both the information and inspiration to build the work over which each presided.

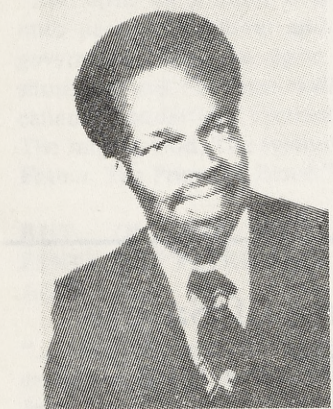
was a good opportunity to view what other denominations have done in developing their headquarters. It also gave church leaders an idea of what Bishop Patterson is trying to achieve in the development of the COGIC Headquarters in Memphis. After the tours, the delegates returned to Chattanooga where they ate dinner and met for the evening session, which featured "The Nehemiah Club Projection," with Bishop C. L. Anderson presiding.

The Friday morning session was presided over by Bishop Jacob Cohen and consisted of various departmental projections. Rev. John Gimenez, organizer of the Washington For Jesus Rally, shared plans for an "America For Jesus" rally. This was followed by Bishop German Ross giving the General Secretary's Projection.

Friday afternoon brought the Leadership Conference to a close. Bishop O. M. Kelly introduced the most Rev. J. O. Patterson, who was the principal speaker for the hour. The Presiding Bishop's challenging remarks impressed upon the delegates the fact that the church's accomplishments would not come through, "our numerical power or by our intellectual might, but only IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT."

Bishop H. Jenkins Bell served as the conference host as well as the chairman of the planning committee. Other committee members included: Elder Charles Rodgers, Dr. O. J. Haney, Dr. Gwendolyn Howard and Elder L. G. Britton. Bishop Audley King, Eastern Tennessee prelate, served as the co-host.

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QUADRENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNED IN APRIL CALL MEETING

Plans are in the making for the first Church of God in Christ Inaugural Banquet, which will take place this April during the April call meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. This momentous event will take place Wednesday, April 8th, at seven o'clock at the Holiday Inn Rivermont Hotel. The ticket price for this formal affair is \$50.00.

Preceding the exquisite dinner will a grand inaugural ceremony which will be held at the Mother Church at 12 noon. It will begin with a spirit-filled worship service presided over by Bishop William Rimson, chairman of the General Assembly. This will be followed by a very impressive inauguration of national elected officials. Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Bishops, will preside over this second phase of the ceremony,

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INAUGURAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

Front row: Mother Freddie J. Bell, Elder R. L. Morris, Chairman, Sister Sara Jordon Powell. Second row: Elder Dwight Green, Bishop C. D. Kinsey, Bishop T. L. Westbrooks, Elder Norman Quick.

The first session, presided over by Bishop J. Howard Sherman, featured three General Board Members addressing different aspects of the conference theme. Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr. spoke on "Bible Builders." Bishop J. A. Blake spoke on "Historical (COGIC) Builders" while Bishop J. D. Husband discussed "Contemporary (COGIC) Builders."

The second session took place Wednesday evening with Bishop L. R. Anderson presiding. Reports were given on the national church income and disbursements for the year 1980. Dr. S. Y. Burnett and Supt. Roger Jones presented these reports followed by Bishop C. D. Owens, who projected the 1981 budget.

On Thursday the delegates traveled to Cleveland, Tennessee to tour the Church of God Headquarters and Church of God Prophecy Headquarters. It

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GUEST EDITORIAL

“THAT’S INCREDIBLE”

by

Carolyn Adams
Phil., Pennsylvania

Have you heard the Ford Motors commercial that says, “if you could see tomorrow as it looks to us today, you’d say ‘INCREDIBLE!’? Well, I’ve heard it several times, but when I listened to it the other day my mind grabbed it and the Spirit began to deal with it. The words, in my mind, were changed to “if WE could see tomorrow as it looks to GOD today, we’d say ‘INCREDIBLE!’”. I was reminded again that God knows the end from the beginning.

As I meditated on the thought, negative and positive pictures took form. If we could see tomorrow, Charles Mason’s mother would have said “INCREDIBLE!” Ernest C. Morris’ father would have said “INCREDIBLE!”...Benjamin Franklin would have said “INCREDIBLE!”...Booker T. Washington would have said “INCREDIBLE!”.

If we could see tomorrow, many of us who have fallen from high positions would have said “INCREDIBLE!”...many of us who went to great lengths to ensure ourselves a good, secure place in life would have said “INCREDIBLE!”...many of us today who are suffering many things in life would say “INCREDIBLE!”...many of us today who are tempted to throw up our hands and ‘forget the whole thing’ would say “INCREDIBLE!”

Our faith in God is, and shall always be, the only reliable resource we have in this troubled

world. How true are the words of the hymnwriter, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name; on Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

If we stop trusting God, and really think about how negative our tomorrow could be, many of us would jump off the nearest bridge. In a world of high employment, inflationary prices, high crime rates, etc., we MUST now, more than ever, trust God. We MUST believe that God’s tomorrow is better than today. We MUST Believe that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. We MUST believe the promise of God in Isaiah 43:2-“When thou pass through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walk through the fire, thou shall not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” We MUST grip these lifelines and hold on with all our might.

Truly, eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered into our hearts the good things that the Lord has in store for us. We MUST hold on...we MUST keep the faith...our change WILL come. If we could see tomorrow as it looks to GOD today, we’d say, “INCREDIBLE!”

Carolyn D. Adams

Mount Airy Church of God in Christ

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QUADRENNIAL
INAUGURAL
CELEBRATION
PLANNED

with Bishop J. O. Patterson, the General Board members, general secretary, financial secretary and treasurer being officially sworn into office.

The final segment of the inaugural ceremony will consist of the acceptance and installation of nationally appointed officers. This will, of course, include all of the national auxiliary heads and other appointed officials. The Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, will take charge of installing these officers as they dedicate themselves to the work of the church for the next four years. Holy Communion will follow with just the General Board members participating.

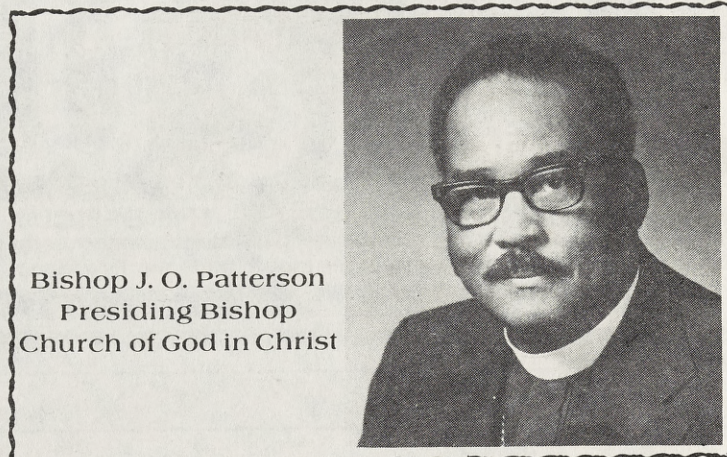
All of this will take place on the second day of the April call meeting. The first day will primarily be taken up with preliminary concerns. The third and last day will be spent in completing church business and tending to any final resolutions.

The details of the Inaugural Celebration are being worked out by an executive committee of eleven. Elder Ronald Morris is the chairman of the Inaugural dinner. Elder J. Delano Ellis, II is chairman of the Inaugural ceremony. Elder Dwight Green is the secretary. The other distinguished members include: Bishop C. D. Kinsey, Bishop W. L. Porter, Mother Freddie J. Bell, Elder Charles Quillen, Elder Norman Quick, Elder T. L. Westbrook, Elder J. L. Bazemore and Sister Sarah Jordan Powell.

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COGIC LEADERS MEET
IN ANNUAL
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The Whole Truth commends the planning committee for a well-planned conference. Bishop Bell is to be especially applauded for chairing this committee and doing a fine job in coordinating their efforts. The result was a very excellently organized leadership conference.



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

My Dear Fellow Saints,

“I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospers.”

In the past few years of my humble tenure as your chief servant, my heart’s desire for our great church has been the fulfillment of the divine will in my personal dreams concerning Saints Center. And, my heart has been warmed by the many liberal souls who have given freely unto the Lord — out of their abundance as well as out of their poverty.

The realization of our dream lies just over the horizon because God has mobilized an innovative and unique faith-approach to grant us an unprecedented measure of success. We are on the verge of victory; but we cannot rapidly arrive without your strong support.

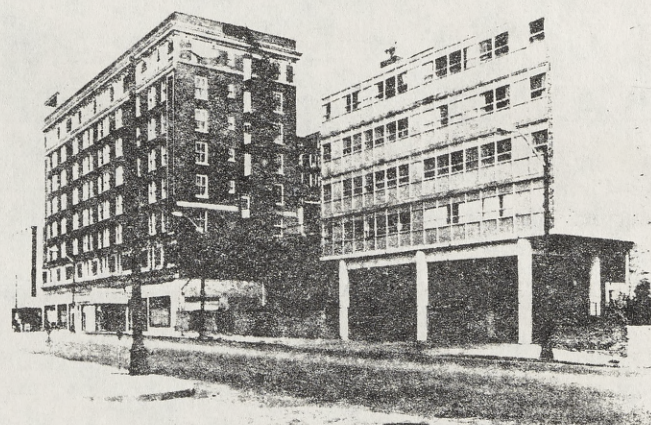
Somehow, God has situated us in this world in a way that keeps us directly dependent on each other. We need to go forward, but we can only do it together. We are doing far more than just erecting edifices. The positive realization of the very mission of God’s church is largely dependent upon how well His people work together. And, how well we progress unitedly is a direct measure of our love for God.

Decide now to directly participate in the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing with Him that which He has shared with you. I challenge you, in the humblest possible manner, to assume your rightful personal “Faith-Share” in the future world-wide outreach ministry of our great church. Good Stewardship is the Key to our success.

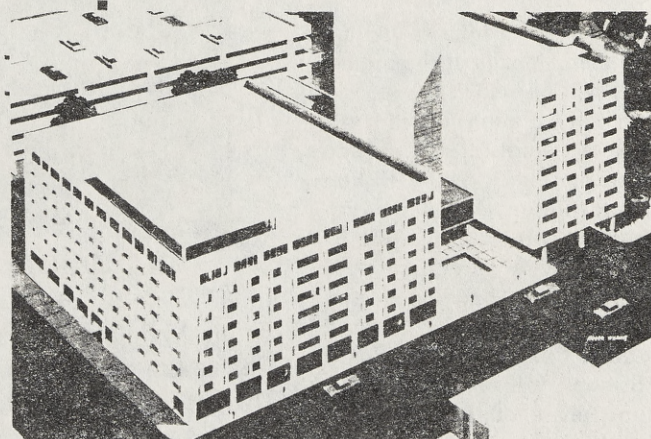
Be a partner for progress — by Faith. Let us build Saints Center — together with God — with the individual and collective resources that He has granted us.

May God bless you richly,

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

The Beginning of Saints
Center is here

THE PRESENT HEADQUARTERS



THE FUTURE: WHAT YOUR \$12 IS DOING!

WATER BAPTISM by Bishop W. A. Patterson

Continued from last month

"When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples.")

BUT, IN ST. MATTHEW 28:19 JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO BAPTIZE, HE SAID:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

AND VERSE 20 SAYS:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

JESUS TOLD THEM HOW TO BAPTIZE AND HE TOLD THEM TO TEACH OTHERS AS HE COMMANDED THEM.

I WAS TOLD BY ONE MINISTER THAT "FATHER" WAS NOT A NAME, IT WAS JUST A "TITLE." I SAID TO HIM THAT I AGREED WITH HIM: ACCORDING TO THE DICTIONARY, FATHER IS A TITLE; BUT, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, FATHER IS A NAME. HE SAID TO ME, "WHERE DO YOU FIND THAT IN THE BIBLE?" I SAID "ISAIAH 9:6:" WHICH READS:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

BUT, ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST PETER SAID, IN ACTS 2:38:

"... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

AND BECAUSE OF A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THIS SCRIPTURE, THE THEORY OF BEING "BAPTIZED IN JESUS NAME" WAS BORN, AND ALSO THE THEORY THAT YOU ARE NOT BAPTIZED RIGHT IF YOU ARE NOT BAPTIZED THIS WAY.

AND TO DISCREDIT ST. MATTHEW 28:19 WE ARE TOLD THAT JESUS GAVE PETER THE TRUE MEANING OF FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST: THEY SAY ALL OF THIS IS TALKING ABOUT JESUS.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, WHY NOT DO IT LIKE JESUS SAID? IF ST. MATTHEW 28:19 IS TALKING ABOUT JESUS, WHY WOULD I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED OVER, BECAUSE I USED MORE OF HIS NAME THAN YOU DID?

BUT HOW TO BAPTIZE WAS

NOT THE POINT PETER WAS TRYING TO MAKE: IT WAS NOT HOW TO BAPTIZE; BUT IT WAS WHOM TO BELIEVE IN. ACTS 2:29-36 IS CLEAR PROOF THAT PETER'S PREACHING WAS TO CONVINCE THE JEWS THAT THE HOLY GHOST AND THE RESURRECTION WERE THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY. IT READS:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

ALSO, THIS IS PROOF THAT GOD HATH RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD AND HE IS NOW AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, AND IS PROVEN BY WHAT YE SEE AND HEAR.

more pity on the gourd than he did on the 120,000 inhabitants of Ninevah. JONAH 4:10-11 reads:

THEN SAID THE LORD, THOU HAST HAD PITY ON THE GOURD, FOR THE WHICH THOU HAST NOT LABOURED, NEITHER MADEST IT GROW, WHICH CAME UP IN A NIGHT AND PERISHED IN A NIGHT: AND SHOULD I NOT SPARE NINEVAH, THAT GREAT CITY, WHEREIN ARE MORE THAN SIXSCORE THOUSAND PERSONS THAT CANNOT DISCERN BETWEEN THEIR RIGHT HAND AND THEIR LEFT HAND: AND ALSO MUCH CATTLE.

God's remembering mercy in wrath (Hab. 3:2) is reflected in God's words to the prophet Jeremiah. JEREMIAH 18:7-8 reads:

AT WHAT INSTANT I SHALL SPEAK CONCERNING A NATION, AND CONCERNING A KINGDOM, TO PLUCK UP, AND TO PULL DOWN, AND

TO DESTROY IT. IF THAT NATION, AGAINST WHOM I HAVE PRONOUNCED, TURN FROM THEIR EVIL, I WILL REPENT OF THE EVIL I THOUGHT TO DO UNTO THEM.

Thus the mercy of God is dependent upon the response of the people to the warnings issued by God. This was the case in Joel's day. Although Joel prophesied of the pending day of the Lord, he exhorted the people to respond to God's warnings. JOEL 2:12-14 reads:

THEREFORE ALSO NOW, SAITH THE LORD, TURN YE EVEN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH FASTING, AND WITH WEEPING, AND WITH MOURNING: AND REND YOUR HEART, AND NOT

REPENTANCE AND PRAYER FOR AMERICA by Elder John Eckhardt

Continued from last month

YOUR GARMENTS, AND TURN UNTO THE LORD YOUR GOD: FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND OF GREAT KINDNESS, AND REPENTETH HIM OF THE EVIL. WHO KNOWETH IF HE WILL RETURN AND REPENT, AND LEAVE A BLESSING BEHIND HIM...

Jonah understood this principle well, and his reluctance to go to Ninevah was a result of it. JONAH 4:1-2 reads:

BUT IT DISPLEASED JONAH EXCEEDINGLY, AND HE WAS VERY ANGRY. AND HE PRAYED UNTO THE LORD AND SAID, I PRAY THEE, O LORD, WAS NOT THIS MY SAYING, WHEN I WAS YET IN MY COUNTRY? THEREFORE I FLED BEFORE UNTO TARSHISH: FOR I KNEW THAT THOU ART A GRACIOUS GOD, AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND OF GREAT KINDNESS, AND REPENTETH THEE OF THE EVIL.

Surely our nation must take hold of the opportunity that God had afforded it and repent. The gospel is being preached across the breath of this nation, yet repentance has not been rendered unto God. The Apocalypse stands looming in the near distant future, and time is running out. Although God is merciful, He also is just. God's justice demands that he punish this nation for it's wickedness.

Although God will repent according to his mercy and longsuffering, the wrath of God abides upon all wickedness. God's wrath eventually abided upon Ninevah. The inhabitants failed to keep a standard that was acceptable to God. God pronounced judgement upon this same city that Jonah preached in half-a-century before through the prophet Nahum. Nahum's message, like Jonah's, was one of judgement. NAHUM 3:1, 4 reads:

WOE TO THE BLOODY CITY! IT IS ALL FULL OF LIES AND ROBBERY; THE PREY DEPARTETH NOT...

BEHOLD, I AM AGAINST THEE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; AND I WILL DISCOVER THY SKIRTS UPON THY FACE, AND I WILL SHEW THE NATIONS THY NAKEDNESS, AND THE KINGDOMS THY SHAME.

The iniquity of the Ninevites was full. The judgements once averted by repentance were once again pronounced by Nahum. This reversal of God's actions represent another principle that should be acknowledged. This principle is again reflected by the words of God to the prophet Jeremiah. JEREMIAH 18:9-10 reads:

AND AT WHAT INSTANT I SHALL SPEAK CONCERNING

A NATION. AND CONCERNING A KINGDOM, TO BUILD AND TO PLANT IT; IF IT DO EVIL IN MY SIGHT, THAT IT OBEY NOT MY VOICE, THEN I WILL REPENT OF THE GOOD, WHEREWITH I SAID I WOULD BENEFIT THEM.

God's view of Ninevah became such that judgement was inevitable. Ninevah did not, and could not, find any place for repentance. The condition of the great city was incurable. NAHUM 3:19 reads:

THERE IS NO HEALING OF THY BRUISE; THY WOUND IS GRIEVOUS: ALL THAT HEAR THE BRUIT OF THEE SHALL CLAP THE HANDS OVER THEE: FOR UPON WHOM HATH NOT THY WICKEDNESS PASSED CONTINUALLY?

If repentance and prayer is not offered now, America may find herself in this predicament, if indeed we are not already in it. This condition is one of utter hopelessness. When God gives up on a nation, there is no room for repentance, prayer, or hope. This was the condition Israel was approaching during the ministry of the prophet Isaiah. ISAIAH 1:5-6 reads:

WHY SHOULD YE BE STRICKEN ANY MORE? YE WILL REVOLT MORE AND MORE: THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK AND THE WHOLE HEART FAINT. FROM THE SOUL OF THE FOOT EVEN UNTO THE HEAD THERE IS NO SOUNDNESS IN IT; BUT WOUNDS AND BRUISES, AND PUTRIFYING SORES: THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CLOSED, NEITHER BOUND UP, NEITHER MOLLIFIED WITH OINTMENT.

America cannot afford to be in this condition. We are fast approaching it with no help in sight. Saints of God everywhere must see the need, and respond with prayer. The spiritual condition of this nation is SICK INDEED! Only the Balm in Gilead can heal the sickness in the land. FOR THAT GREAT DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR, IT IS NEAR, AND HASTENETH GREATLY, EVEN THE VOICE OF THE DAY OF THE LORD: THE MIGHTY MAN SHALL CRY THERE BITTERLY. ZEPHANIAH 1:14.

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YOUTH NEWS AND VIEWS

by

Elder Charles E. Hawthorne

YOUNG BUT STRONG

by

Elder C. E. Hawthorne

The Church of God in Christ is a church that is deeply concerned about its young people. This concern is exhibited on the national level with the planning for Saints Center, the granting of fine arts scholarship, the supporting of C. H. Mason Bible Colleges and Seminary and the sponsoring of UNAC. On the local level, this concern is shown through church youth departments, programs and activities.

I sense, however, a grave concern in the hearts of the older saints. I sense that they are concerned about the ability of the younger generation to meet the challenges of the future. This is of utmost concern, for it is said that the young people are the "church of tomorrow."

If this is true, what will the Church of God in Christ be like five, ten or fifteen years from now? Will the younger saints be able to pick up where the older saints left off? Will the vision of the founding Father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, diminish under the administration of the emerging youthful leadership?

These are questions of concern. They are valid questions. They are questions that can only be answered in the future. For time will tell.

But I believe the Bible gives us some insight on the matter. There are verses of scripture that offer us an optimistic hope. As we look to the Word, we can be assured that all will be well and not lost.

It would not seem appropriate to start on a negative note. But it is necessary to consider both sides of the coin. The Bible says that in the last days perilous time would come (II Tim. 3:1.) The things that are said to happen are things that are and will negatively affect our young people. Isaiah said that the youth would faint and grow weary, and the young men would utterly fall (Isa. 40:30.)

But thank God, he didn't stop there. In the next verse he says, "But they that wait upon the Lord will renew their STRENGTH..." (Isa. 40:31.) Those young people that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. This renewal is part of

the last-day-revival that God is causing to come upon the land. Young people are being filled with the Holy Ghost, and are prophesying and having visions. (Acts 2:17)

This is the other side of the coin. On one hand, the devil is renewing his efforts to bring young people down. On the other hand, God is renewing his efforts to raise young people up. "They shall mount up with wings as an eagle". (Isa. 40:20.)

The church must be careful not to equate youthfulness with weakness. This is the mistake King Saul made. When David volunteered to fight Goliath, he said, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth" (I Sam. 17:33.)

The mistake many adults make, is thinking that it takes years of experience to be able to deal with the gigantic problems of life. This is not so. David was young, but strong. He did not have a lot of experience. But the little he had, with the lion and the bear, was sufficient testimony that the challenge could be met.

God does not call youth because they are experienced. He calls them because they are strong. John says, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (I John 2:14.)

This strength comes from waiting upon the Lord. As youth wait upon the Lord, they are endued with power from on high. This power is the Holy Spirit strengthening them with might in their inner man (Eph. 3:16.) Thus, they are strong in the Lord and in the power of his might (Eph. 6:10.)

This is how young David became an overcomer. He said to the giant, "thou comest to me with a sword, and with a shield: but I come to the IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied (I Sam. 17:45.) In essence, what David was saying was this: "Look, you giant! You may be strong. But, I know somebody stronger. I'm coming against you, not in my own strength, but in the Lord's strength.

Scientists have not yet determined just how much alcohol, over how long a period of time, is required to cause damage to the unborn baby. However, they do know that alcohol passes through the bloodstream of the baby in the same concentration as that of the mother. So, if the mother becomes "drunk", the fetus is equally drunk. A key point is that the fetus is a very immature being and its body systems are incapable of handling alcohol. In fact, the fetus is dependent upon the mother's system to burn up the alcohol and pass its

DR. JUANITA SIMS HONORED GOSPEL TEMPLE COGIC LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



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On October 18, 1980, Dr. Doris Juanita Sims received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for the School of Fine and Applied Arts at California State University at Los Angeles. This event was celebrated at the New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. The award was given to Dr. Sims for "outstanding contributions to the community, the university and to the nation."

Dr. Doris Juanita Sims received her B.A., '68 in Home Economics and M.A., Education

by-products from the body. The use of other substances such as caffeine, nicotine, and other drugs can also affect the unborn baby.

Scientists at present don't know how much, if any, alcohol is safe during pregnancy. It is clear that if the expectant mother doesn't drink, there can be no fetal alcohol syndrome, and this seems the wisest course to follow to avoid any possible effects of alcohol on the unborn baby. Mothers who are problem drinkers or even alcoholic can lessen and, sometimes, even escape the adverse effects of alcohol on their baby by getting treatment and avoiding alcohol.

It is important to remember that the unborn baby can't say, "No thanks, I don't drink" or "Thanks, but I've had enough." The unborn baby is totally dependent on a caring and responsible mother to protect its health.

(Adapted from "Alcohol and Your Unborn Baby," National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.)

For free information, write:

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information P. O. Box 2345, Rockville, Md. 20852

'71 from California State University, Los Angeles where she currently is an associate professor in Home Economics (Child Development.) She received her Ph.D. in Early Education '78 from Claremont Graduate School and University Center.

Dr. Sims is also president and administrator of the Academy of Progressive Education Pre and Elementary School where 70 students are now attending. The school site is also used for Cal State L.A. and Los Angeles Community College students as a practicum training site for prospective teachers.

In addition Dr. Sims has founded the S/H and Associates Early Education Consultant Service which provides information to new and existing private pre/elementary schools on operation, management and organization. She also donates her services to speak to parent, teacher and educational groups on child development and family relations both in and outside the church.

She holds elective offices in professional associations, authored childrens books and a college text book, and has presented numerous workshops and seminars across the state. She is presently writing a booklet on how to organize and manage private schools.

Most of all Dr. Doris Juanita Sims loves the Lord more than life itself. She says that her "desire is to use the blessings that God has given her for the service of Christ." She is an ardent church worker with her father who is her pastor. Doris continues to rejoice in the strength of the Lord PRAY FOR HER.

Submitted by Winifred E. Sims

A MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE ON ALCOHOL

by

A.I.D.S.

ALCOHOL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Every young man and woman who is looking forward to parenthood is hoping for a healthy baby. Expectant parents should know then that some of the things they do and some of the things they don't do can have an effect on the health of the baby.

Most of these health aspects of parenting will be discussed by the doctor during prenatal care; so it is very important for the expectant young mother to seek out competent medical care as soon as she suspects she is pregnant. However, one thing young couples should know before they plan to have a baby is that the alcoholic beverages they drink can have an effect on their baby's health.

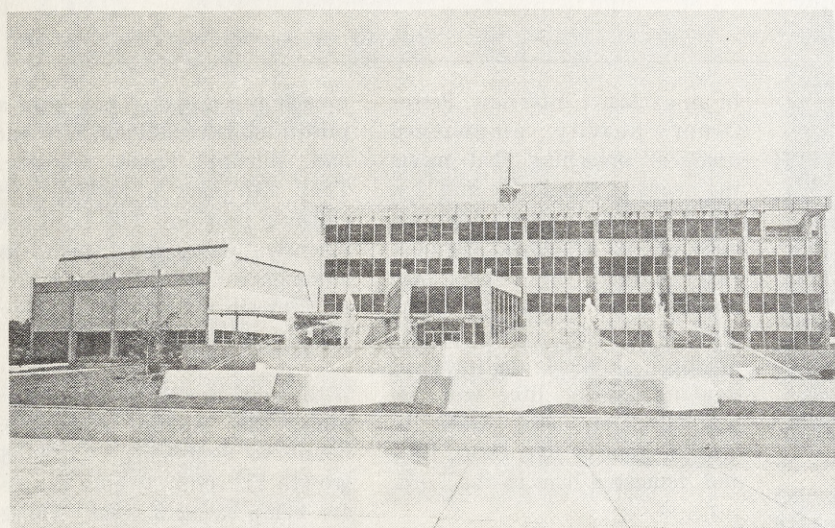
The Bible, in the 12th century B.C., Book of Judges (13:4), records one of the earliest warnings about drinking during pregnancy when an angel advises Samson's mother to "drink no wine or strong drink" before conception and during her pregnancy. Although other cautions have been stated

throughout history, it has only been recently that these alcohol effects were "rediscovered" and classified as the "fetal alcohol syndrome."

What is "fetal alcohol syndrome?" Researchers have discovered that babies of women who drank heavily during pregnancy may have a "definite pattern of physical, mental and behavioral abnormalities." Such babies were discovered to have "abnormally small heads, several facial irregularities, heart defects, and poor coordination." They were of lower weight at birth, were shorter than average and, even with special care after birth, they did not "catch up." Further, it has been found that most of these babies with fetal alcohol syndrome were mentally retarded and had a variety of behavioral problems, including extreme nervousness and poor attention spans.

With today's casual attitude toward alcohol, most of us fail to recognize that alcohol is a powerful drug that can have many serious long-term effects on the baby. Recently, however, medical researchers have begun intensive studies of the effects upon the unborn baby.

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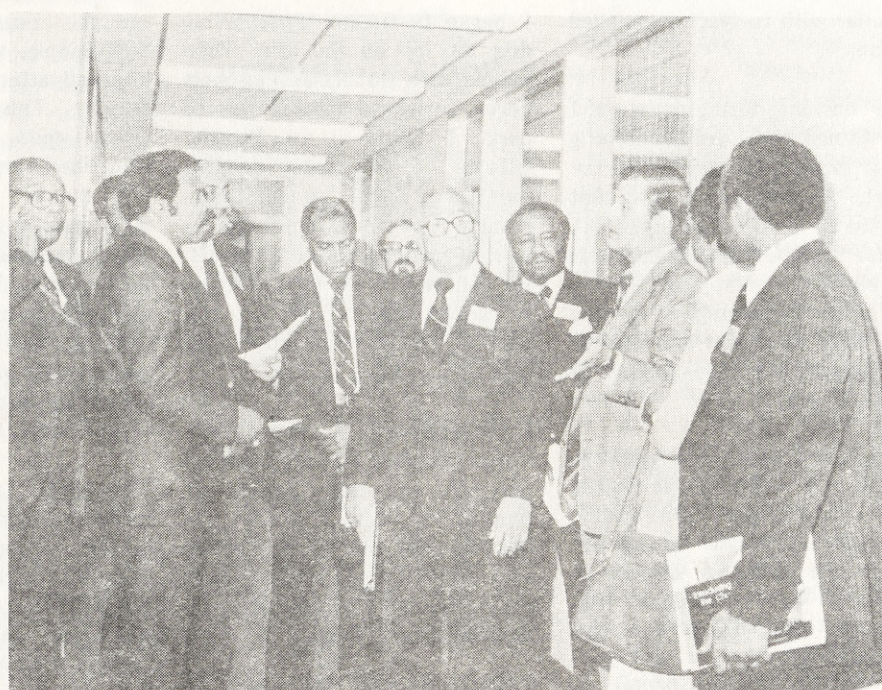
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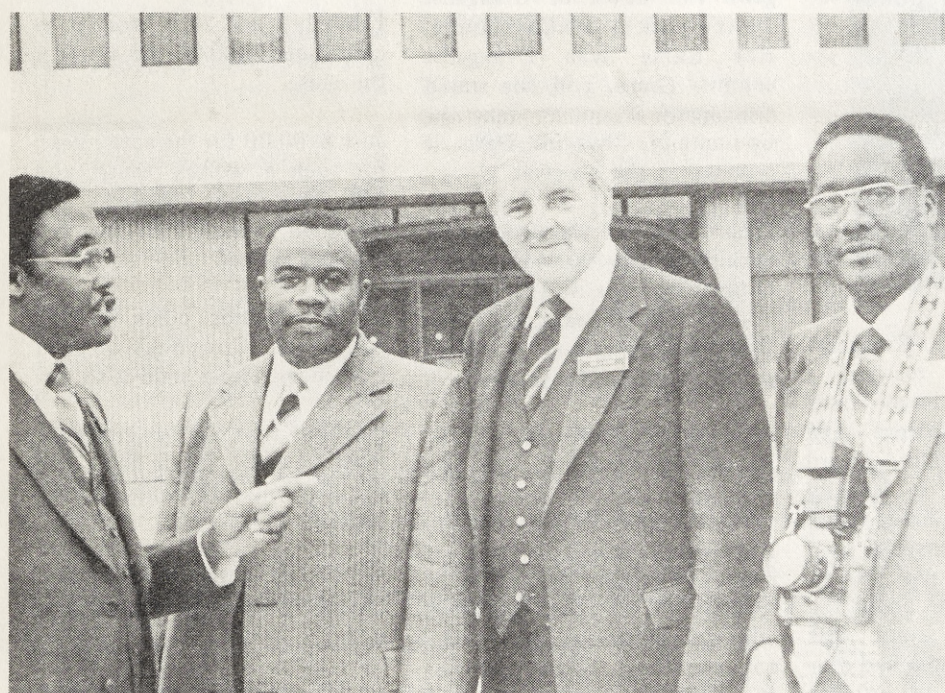
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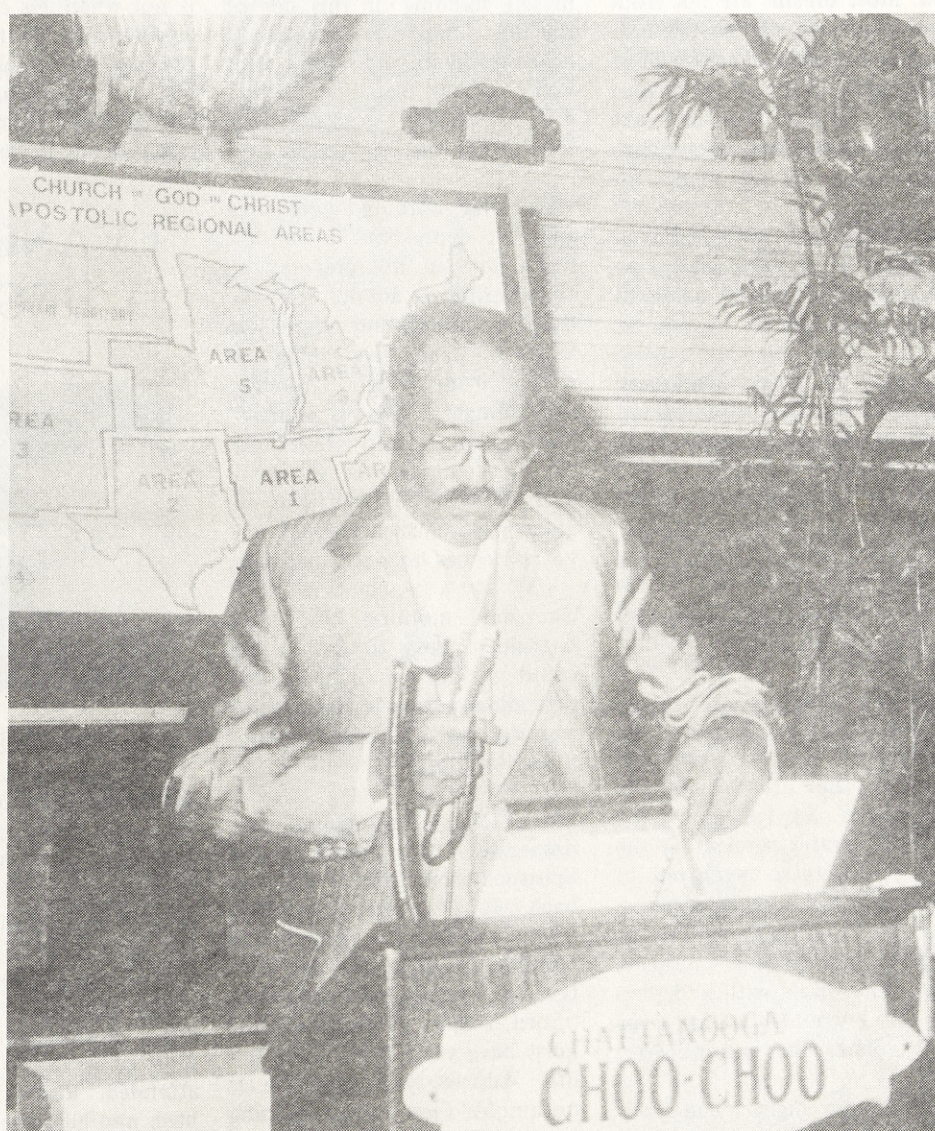
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READERS WRITE

A MESSAGE ON ABIDING IN YOUR CALLING

by
Missy. Marv L. Parker

For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. Hebrew 12:6.

I walked to the casket to view the remains. The eyes opened; the corpse became alive. Next, I saw a deceased one on a cot open his eyes, get up and walk away. These dreams continued three or four nights in succession. This was puzzling. One or two nights could be overlooked, but not such a continuation.

My husband is a funeral director, so there is no fear of the dead in me. Also, God uses what we are familiar with to teach us needed lessons.

One morning during devotion, I questioned the Lord concerning these dreams. He replied to my heart, "something in you that should be dead is coming alive." This happened twenty or twenty-five years ago. During the years, dreaming of people who have died, but are alive in my dreams is a signal for me to check myself.

Sometimes there are negative actions or emotions so subtle that I have to ask "Lord what is it?" He never fails to put His finger on what is displeasing Him. I have thanked Him through the years for this dealing in my life.

A word of caution here. Be sure you know it is God dealing with you. Most dreams are not from God. One sure way to fall into error is to grasp and act on all of our dreams. A lot of our dreams are "fat meat dreams"—something we have eaten.

I have explained God's dealing in my dreams to bring clarity to the happening I shall relate to you.

My pastor's wife, Missionary Vera Warren, and I attended the Southern Illinois Womens State Convention. Our State Supervisor is Mother Lillian Cawthon and Bishop E. Lenox is our State Overseer. The meeting was glorious! The two of us talked about, prayed to and rejoiced in our blessed Saviour.

Saturday, August 30th, the closing night of the meeting, Missionary Warren expounded "It's in the Blood." It was dynamic! We left feeling inspired to do a greater service for the Lord. We were so much one in spirit, I felt I not only had a Spiritual sister, but a natural one as well. I purposed in my heart to go to revivals with and play for her. I would hold her arms up; I would be her armor bearer.

That Monday night I had series of dreams. People long dead were alive and active, also, the relationship between Missionary

Warren and me was somehow unpleasant.

When I awoke on Tuesday morning, I rejected the dream. I thought, "I'm saved and Missionary Warren is saved, what could be wrong with our teaming up for the winning of souls? This must be from Satan." I struggled through the day.

That night kneeling by my bed, I rebuked Satan in the name of Jesus. I then prayed for a sweet night's sleep in the Lord. I climbed into bed, heaved a sigh of relief, relaxed, assured of a blessed night's sleep.

I began to dream. First, a big dog bit me on the arm. Then people with Doberman Pinschers began to chase me. It was so dark. I made it to Brother Offutts -- he's been dead a number of years -- no help there. I made it to my father-in-law -- he's been dead about 13 years. He believed in his guns; I knew he would help me. He was too slow -- I could hear the dogs coming -- then I awoke.

In exasperation I cried to the Lord, "it did me no good to pray, for you didn't answer my prayer." Immediately He answered to my heart, "when you disobey me, I don't answer your prayers" I wondered how I had disobeyed Him.

I dropped back to sleep. I saw a straight thick black line, as if drawn by a giant marker. I saw myself standing on this side of the line. I heard a voice say, "I have saved you, and I don't want you to cross that line, I won't even lay the marker on the other side of that line."

Wednesday morning I awoke in a state of depression. I couldn't reach God in my prayers; the Holy Scriptures did not offer the usual comfort; they were just words on paper. Everything was a dirty shade of gray. I thought and thought, "what is wrong?" Years ago I told the Lord, "Lord, don't let me get away with anything." He has taken me at my word, and through the years He has honored that plea.

Thursday morning the same heaviness clung to me. I still could not put my finger on any offending action, but something about that Monday night's dream kept tugging at me.

By Friday morning I was desperate. I was physically and spiritually exhausted. I reflected back. It all seemed to have begun when I rejected the Monday Night's dream. With true resignation I pleaded, "Lord, I can't go on like this. I must have your presence in my life. Without you, my life is nothing. If there is any meaning to the Monday night dream, I accept it."

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SPEAKING OF CHURCHES WITH MEMBERSHIP OF 1,000 PLUS

CATHEDRAL OF FAITH COGIC OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

"Everybody Counts." That's the motto of Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ, located at 1137 Avon Avenue S. W., in Atlanta, Georgia, where Elder Jonathan Greer is the Pastor. That "everybody" includes all 2,000 members of this large metropolitan church. It is the largest Church of God in Christ in Atlanta.

The Church had its humble beginnings in 1929 as Jones Avenue Church of God in Christ. It thrived under the leadership of Bishop George Briley, who saw the church grow to about 800 people, with three or four hundred attending regularly on Sunday. This growth did not cease upon his death, but flourished under the spiritual nourishment of Elder Greer, who was appointed Pastor in 1977. As a matter of fact, within the space of three years the membership more than doubled. Today the church has a membership of about 2,000 with an average Sunday attendance of approximately 1,500 people.

One might attribute such growth to the academic training of the pastor. Elder Greer has an earned B. A. degree from Moody Bible Institute and an earned M. A. degree in education from DePaul University. But, while Pastor Greer values his education and encouraged young people to pursue a college education, this is not where his emphasis is. He attributes his church's growth to practical preaching on Sundays, personal witnessing by individual members and extensive evangelizing in the community.

EVANGELIST RECEIVES D. D. DEGREE



October 26, 1980, Evangelist Rosie Lee Davis, received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Trinity Hall College and Seminary. The Divinity Award Program was held at Israelite Church of God in Christ, where the Missionary Evangelist been worshipping for the past sixteen years. The affair was about the most beautiful event that most of us in this area had ever attended. Each of us just sat back and heard the story of the Missionary's life. Our eyes were widened when we learned about her many achievements.

In an exclusive interview, Pastor Greer heavily emphasized practical preaching that meets the needs of people. He said that he does not preach doctrinal messages on Sundays. He does that during the week. On Sundays he seeks to bring messages that give people practical, biblical methods of dealing with life and its problems. He also seeks to inspire them to live clean, holy and dedicated lives to the Lord.

Personal witnessing is also stressed. Once believers learn how to gain the victory over various areas of their lives, they are encouraged to share their testimony with others. Cathedral of Faith has several members who were personally witnessed to on the job, in the home or at school.

The church's outreach program, however, is a major factor in its rapid growth. Taking the cue from their pastor, the members literally go into the highways and hedges and compel men to come to Christ. As a part of the "Cathedral - Go - Mobile" program, the members take to the city parks with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Four times a year they hold services in the city auditorium where hundreds of people come to hear the Good News.

This good news is also broadcast on the radio and television. There is the Showers of Blessing telecast on Sundays from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. on channel 36 (WATL-TV); the Showers of Blessings radio broadcast heard every Sunday on WIGLO (1340 a.m.) from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., and "Life Line," hosted by Dr. Jonathan Greer every Sunday on WAOK (8:30 a.m.)

Cathedral of Faith believes in going into all the world and

preach the gospel. They have a prison ministry and convalescent and nursing home ministry. They also have a feeding and clothing program. The Lord has recently instructed them to commence a World wide thrust of outreach for persons on every segment of the globe.

With such a vibrant vision for souls, this Atlanta church is bound to experience continued growth. Fifteen to twenty people are being saved a week. Those that want to become members of the church attend a thirteen week pastor's orientation class. Upon completion of the course, they are integrated into the mainstream of the church.

How does Rev. Greer pastor such a large congregation? With God's help, of course, and a qualified staff of people. He has

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VOICE OF THE BUSY BEE



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TESTIMONY

THE MIRACLE OF THE
PHOENICIAN WOMAN'S
DAUGHTER

In the region of Tyre and Sidon, a half heathen territory, was a grieving mother lived with a demon possessed daughter, who was "grievously vexed." Although that town lacked modern day communication methods, news traveled to the Syrophoenician woman that Jesus "the miracle worker" was in town. Probably one of the woman's friends recognized him as "the Healer" for many had witnessed his healing ministry. "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea and a great multitude from Galilee followed him and from Judea. And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea and from beyond Jordan, and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him." (St. Mark 3:7,8.)

Immediately the woman sought Jesus' healing hands. "Have mercy on me" was the woman's cry. However, "he answered her not a word," and his disciples told him to tell the woman to leave. But, as "men ought always to pray and not to faint" (St. Luke 18:1,) this determined woman prayed one more time with humility. "Then came she and worshiped him saying, Lord help me." (St. Matt. 15:25.) To test her faith more, Jesus made a strange statement about the unfairness of throwing the

children's bread to the dogs. Dauntless by his answer, she wittingly replied, "Truth, Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." (St. Matt. 15:27.) She knew that Jesus owned the bread factory, but all she wanted was the crumbs. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee for the world is mine and the fulness thereof." (Psalms 50:12.)

Finally, the woman of great faith, "who struggled with Jesus and didn't let go" Jacob struggled with the angel at the ford of the river, received her prayer request.

The Syrophoenician woman (or the woman wouldn't take no for an answer) has been an inspiration to me for almost a decade. In the will of God I have experienced a sole trial. As a young woman I was oppressed by satanic beings. However, God in his sweet, divine kindness, helped me master the seemingly impossible and has done the miraculous.

As the Canaanite women begged and received a crumb of healing, I have prayed and received a supernatural answer from the Master Physician on high.

Sister Linda Dix
Eastern Shore, Md.

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ANNUAL SPRING CALL
MEETING TO CONVENE
APRIL 7-9 AT
HEADQUARTERS

In our report to the credential holders, every member of the Church of God in Christ who loves the church is asked to pay \$6.00 per member toward the financial program of the church. This will help in adequately supporting our Theological Seminary, Saints Academy, C. H. Mason Foundation, C. H. Mason Bible College and other subsidiaries of the church. May each of us as leaders be encouraged to cultivate the love and support of our church in our jurisdictions.

All jurisdictional bishops and jurisdictional supervisors are requested to send in our office a complete roster of all credential holders if you have not already done so. This will assist in the copulation of a new comprehensive official directory of our church which is required by the government. Please do not confuse this roll with the report submitted to the Financial Office or list of certified delegates. The roll which we request is an alphabetized list of all credential holders and churches in your jurisdiction--both men and women credential holders.

It was called to your attention in November that the office of the General Secretary with the

approval of the General Board has engaged in a statistical analysis of the Church of God in Christ throughout the world. Our office sent out forms to the various officers throughout our church requesting the required information. No doubt letters have already been sent to jurisdictional bishops with similar letters to all pastors to complete the survey. We trust that all bishops and pastors will assist the office of the General Secretary by submitting this information immediately.

"IT IS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY."

The completion of this mammoth task will be one of the biggest break-throughs in our church history. We would be enable us, as a result of the census, to present to the General Assembly a documented report of the number of churches, missions and credential holders and their various categories and the total lay membership of our church.

May the Lord's blessings be upon you as we prayerfully and efficiently do the task for 1981.

BISHOP GERMAN ROSS
General Secretary
Church of God in Christ

OKLAHOMA



J. C. Hancock

DINNER
HONORS
SENIOR
DEACON

Deacon J. C. Hancock celebrated his 90th birthday last fall. He was given a belated birthday dinner by Mrs. Abner Robbins. The event honoring him was held in the dining room of Thompson Memorial Church of God in Christ.

This special celebration brought together many family members and friends. His children, grandchildren and great-children were present to wish him well. Dr. Malcom Coby, his pastor, and other church members were also present.

Deacon Hancock was born September 26, 1890. He has been active in the local church for more than 50 years. In addition to serving as a deacon, he is chairman of the Trustee Board, YPPW teacher and church custodian.

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SPEAKING OF
CHURCHES (WITH
MEMBERSHIP OF 1,000)

a Youth Minister, Christian Education Director, Platform Chairman, Administrator, Day Care Center Director and two secretaries, all on salary.

Every now and then, the pastor holds a family dinner called a Love Feast, where the members of the congregation have an opportunity to get to know one another better. It also affords Elder Greer a chance to meet, greet and eat with the saints informally. This serves to bring the church closer together as a family. Individuals are made to feel at home and that they do count.

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EVANGELIST RECEIVES
D.D. DEGREE

Notable Americans, and Personalities of the West and Midwest, and many other publications. She is a writer of songs, poems, and many of her articles has been published in the Whole Truth paper, and other religious papers in America and abroad.

She has written three books, one which she is about to get

TENNESSEE

SAINT
LOOK
FOR
RELATIVES

Sis. Barbara Lula Ingram, of Temple of Faith COGIC, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is looking for some of her relatives. She was born and raised in Shanty Town and lived at 863 Brunswick. The last time she saw her folks was 1936. She is now asking for God's help and your help in locating the following people: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Dan) Ingram, Willie Mae & Liston Jones, Lula Mae Johnson, Warren Woods, and Mary Gladness. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people may contact Sis. Ingram collect at (615) 629-4133 or write her at 3401 Campbell St. No. 908, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406.

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A MESSAGE ON ABIDING
IN YOUR CALLING

Immediately all heaviness lifted. Light came. The Lord began to clarify the meaning. The essence of it was this: "you have a teaching ministry; Missionary has an Evangelistic ministry. Each to work in her own area. I have not asked you to be her armor bearer. Do not lay aside the work I have given you to help someone else."

Oh, the joy that flooded my soul! I thanked him for his chastening. The rest of the day was glorious. I sang to the Lord, told him how much I loved him and praised him over and over. He responded with his nearness and sweet comfort. Before going to bed that night, I opened my Bible; my eyes fell on Isaiah 12:1 which read thus: And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.

His anger had been just. When God gives us a ministry, He also gives us guidelines. We must work according to His designs, not ours. Step by step God had revealed in what manner I should and should not minister the gift He has so graciously bestowed on me.

The thing that had come alive in

published in the near future, Title, "The Closing of the time."

San Diego would like to Salute this woman of God who has work quietly, and is now noted in ten or twelve books published National and International, and not only that, she is noted in her own Community, as she leads a Prayer Fellowship, which she named "Chrisma Prayer Fellowship." She is the editor of "Prayerline" newsletter. God Bless you Dr. Rosie Lee Davis, may your reach the height of your ambition.

Sis. Carol L. Bradford
C.O.G.I.C. San Diego, Ca.

Evang. Johnnie Grace, and
Evang. Rosie L. Davis.

ILLINOIS

FOUNDER'S
DAY

"This man began to build ..." (Luke 14:30.)

Honoring Bishop C. W. Gillespie at the Greater Gillespie Temple COGIC 810 Wall Street, Carbondale, Illinois. "Theme: God's Master Builder" For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor love... Hebrew 6:10. 2nd Asst. Overseer C. W. Gillespie, Jr. Officiating. The State Choir under the direction of Sis. Barbara Gillespie was at it's best. Sis Jackie Osborne lead the choir in "When God Get's Through With Me." The Saints were praising and thanking God for the outpouring of His Spirit. Our speaker for this glorious occasion was Asst. Bishop H. H. Webster of Alton, Ill. The Scripture lesson came from The book of Acts. The Lord anointed Bishop Webster to preach the Gospel of Paul blazed the trail for Christ. Our first lady Mother L. Gillespie, was in our midst and has worked by the Bishop's side down through the years. The entire service was inspiring. It was well attended by South East, Ill. Jurisdiction and many loyal saints and friends.

Lillian Embrey
Reporter

me was self reliance. I was making my own decisions; I had not asked for His direction in the matter.

God places us in the body of Christ by His Spirit according to His designs. As the arm is not to perform the duty of the ear, so we must work in the perimeter allotted us, then we shall be happy profitable servants.

Missionary Mary Lou Parker
Box 1519
Champaign, Ill. 61820

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A MESSAGE TO YOUNG

David fought Goliath in the name of the Lord. That's where strength lies. For Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe". As young people take on the name of Jesus, they will be strong enough to handle the obstacles of life. They will not be overwhelmed, but safe.

Somebody said that only the strong survive. If this is true, then the save youth of this generation will make it. For they can do all thing through Christ who strengthens them (Phil. 4:13.)

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